

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re CIT GROUP INC. SECURITIES
LITIGATION

This Document Relates To:

ALL ACTIONS.

X : Master File No. 1:08-cv-06613-BSJ-THK
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: : CLASS ACTION
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: : Referred to Magistrate Judge Katz
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X : ~~PROPOSED~~ REVISED ORDER
: PRELIMINARILY APPROVING
: SETTLEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR
NOTICE

WHEREAS, a class action is pending before the Court entitled *In re CIT Group Inc. Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 1:08-cv-06613-BSJ-THK (the “Litigation”);

WHEREAS, the Court has received the Settlement Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2012 (the “Stipulation”), that has been entered into by the Lead Plaintiff and Defendants, and the Court has reviewed the Stipulation and its attached Exhibits;

WHEREAS, the Settling Parties having made an application, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), for an order preliminarily approving the settlement of this Litigation, in accordance with the Stipulation, which, together with the Exhibits annexed thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions for a proposed Settlement of the Litigation and for dismissal of the Litigation on the merits and with prejudice upon the terms and conditions set forth therein; and the Court having read and considered the Stipulation and the Exhibits annexed thereto; and

WHEREAS, all defined terms contained herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation, unless otherwise defined herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.** The Court does hereby preliminarily approve the Stipulation and the Settlement set forth therein, subject to further consideration at the Final Approval Hearing described below.

2. **Settlement Hearing.** A hearing (the “Final Approval Hearing”) shall be held before this Court on June 13, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, Courtroom 17C, New York, New York, to determine whether the proposed Settlement of the Litigation on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class and should be approved by the Court; whether a Judgment as defined in ¶1.16 of the Stipulation should be entered herein; whether the proposed Plan

of Allocation should be approved; and to determine the amount of fees and expenses that should be awarded to Lead Counsel. The Court may adjourn the Final Approval Hearing without further notice to Members of the Settlement Class.

3. **Settlement Class Certification.** Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court preliminarily certifies, for purposes of effectuating this Settlement only, a Settlement Class of all Persons who purchased or acquired the publicly-traded CIT common stock from December 12, 2006 through and including March 5, 2008, and all Persons who purchased or acquired CIT-Z securities pursuant or traceable to the October 17, 2007 registration statement and prospectus, and who were allegedly damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants, members of each Defendant's immediate family, any entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest, directors of CIT, and Defendants' legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns of any such excluded party. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those Persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class pursuant to the Notice.

4. **Settlement Class Findings.** With respect to the Settlement Class, this Court preliminarily finds, for purposes of effectuating this Settlement only, that (a) the Members of the Settlement Class are so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members in the Litigation is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class which predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of the Lead Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) the Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have fairly and adequately represented and protected the interests of all of the Settlement Class Members; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, considering: (i) the interests of the Members of the Settlement Class in individually controlling the

prosecution of the separate actions; (ii) the extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by Members of the Settlement Class; (iii) the desirability or undesirability of continuing the litigation of these claims in this particular forum; and (iv) the difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of the class action.

5. Approval of Form and Content of Notice. The Court approves, as to form and content, the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the “Notice”), the Proof of Claim and Release form (the “Proof of Claim”) and the Summary Notice (“Summary Notice”) annexed as Exhibits A-1, A-2 and A-3 hereto, and finds that the mailing and distribution of the Notice and publishing of the Summary Notice substantially in the manner and form set forth in ¶6 of this Notice Order meet the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Section 27(a)(7) of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. §77z-1(a)(7) as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”), Section 21D(a)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(7) as amended by the PSLRA, due process, the Rules of the Court and all other applicable law and rules, and is the best notice practicable under the circumstances and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled thereto.

6. Retention of Claims Administrator and Manner of Notice. Lead Counsel is hereby authorized to retain Gilardi & Co. LLC (“Claims Administrator”) to supervise and administer the notice procedure as well as the processing of claims as more fully set forth below:

(a) Not later than April 5, 2012 (the “Notice Date”), Lead Counsel shall cause a copy of the Notice and the Proof of Claim, substantially in the forms annexed as Exhibits A-1 and A-2 hereto, to be mailed by First-Class Mail to all Settlement Class Members who can be identified with reasonable effort;

(b) Not later than April 5, 2012, Lead Counsel shall cause the Summary Notice to be published once in *U.S.A. Today*;

(c) Not later than April 5, 2012, Lead Counsel shall cause the Stipulation and its Exhibits to be posted on the following website: www.gilardi.com; and

(d) On or before May 16, 2012, Lead Counsel shall cause to be served on Defendants' counsel and filed with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, of such mailing, publishing, and posting.

7. All reasonable expenses incurred in identifying and notifying Settlement Class Members, as well as administering the Settlement Fund, shall be paid as set forth in the Stipulation. In the event the Settlement is not approved by the Court, or otherwise fails to become effective, neither the Lead Plaintiff nor Lead Counsel shall have any obligation to repay any amounts actually and properly disbursed from the Settlement Fund in connection with administering the Settlement, as provided in the Stipulation.

8. **Nominee Procedures.** Nominees who hold or held CIT common stock purchased or acquired between December 12, 2006 and March 5, 2008, or CIT-Z securities purchased or acquired pursuant or traceable to the October 17, 2007 registration statement and prospectus, for the beneficial ownership of another Person, shall send the Notice and the Proof of Claim to such beneficial owners of such CIT common stock or CIT-Z securities within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, or send a list of the names and addresses of such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator within ten (10) days of receipt thereof, in which event the Claims Administrator shall promptly mail the Notice and the Proof of Claim to such beneficial owners. Lead Counsel shall, if requested, reimburse banks, brokerage houses or other nominees solely for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing notice to beneficial owners who are Settlement Class

Members out of the Settlement Fund, which expenses would not have been incurred except for the sending of such notice, subject to further order of this Court with respect to any dispute concerning such compensation. Nominees who do not intend to comply with the provisions of this paragraph shall be requested to notify the Claims Administrator of that fact.

9. Participation in the Settlement. All Members of the Settlement Class shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in the Litigation concerning the Settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Settlement Class, including, without limitation, the Judgment and the releases provided for therein and will be barred from commencing, maintaining or prosecuting any of the Released Claims against any of Released Parties, as more fully described in the Stipulation.

10. Settlement Class Members who wish to participate in the Settlement Fund shall complete and submit Proofs of Claim in accordance with the instructions contained therein. Unless the Court orders otherwise, all Proofs of Claim must be postmarked no later than July 5, 2012. Any Settlement Class Member who does not timely submit a Proof of Claim within the time provided for (a) shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in the Litigation concerning the Settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Settlement Class, including, without limitation, the Judgment and the releases provided for therein; (b) shall be barred from commencing, maintaining or prosecuting any of the Released Claims against any of the Released Parties, as more fully described in the Stipulation; and (c) shall be barred from sharing in the distribution of the proceeds of the Net Settlement Fund, unless otherwise ordered by the Court or allowed by the Stipulation.

11. Exclusion from the Settlement Class. Any Person who desires to request exclusion from the Settlement Class shall do so within the time set forth and in the manner described in the Notice. Upon receiving any request(s) for exclusion, the Claims Administrator shall promptly notify

Lead Counsel and counsel for Defendants of such request(s) and provide them copies of such request(s) and the documentation accompanying them by facsimile or electronic mail.

12. All Persons who submit valid and timely requests for exclusion in the manner set forth in the Notice shall have no rights under the Stipulation, shall not share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, and shall not be bound by the Stipulation or the Judgment entered in the Litigation.

13. **Appearance and Objections at Settlement Hearing.** Any Member of the Settlement Class may enter an appearance in the Litigation, at his, her or its own expense, individually or through counsel of his, her or its own choice. If he, she or it does not enter an appearance, he, she or it will be represented by Lead Counsel.

14. Any Settlement Class Member may appear and show cause, if he, she or it has any reason, why the proposed Settlement of the Litigation should or should not be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, why the Judgment should or should not be entered thereon, why the Plan of Allocation should or should not be approved, or why attorneys' fees and expenses should or should not be awarded to Lead Counsel; provided, however, that no Settlement Class Member or any other Person shall be heard or entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement, or, if approved, the Judgment to be entered thereon approving the same, or the order approving the Plan of Allocation, or the attorneys' fees and expenses to be awarded to Lead Counsel, unless that Person has filed said objections, papers, and briefs with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, on or before May 30, 2012, and delivered copies of any such papers to Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, Joy Ann Bull, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101 and to Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, Douglas H. Flaum and Israel David, One New York Plaza, New York, NY 10004, such that

they are received on or before the same date. Any Settlement Class Member who does not make his, her or its objection in the manner provided in this Notice Order shall be deemed to have waived such objection and shall forever be foreclosed from making any objection to the fairness or adequacy of the proposed Settlement as set forth in the Stipulation, to the Plan of Allocation, or to the award of attorneys' fees and expenses to Lead Counsel, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

15. At or after the Final Approval Hearing, the Court shall determine whether the Plan of Allocation proposed by Lead Counsel, and whether any application for attorneys' fees or expenses shall be approved.

16. **Settlement Fund.** All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall be distributed pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order(s) of the Court.

17. **Supporting Papers.** All papers in support of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and the application for attorneys' fees or expenses shall be filed and served on or before May 16, 2012. Any reply papers in response to objections shall be filed and served on or before June 6, 2012.

18. Defendants shall not have any responsibility for, or liability with respect to, the Plan of Allocation or any application for attorneys' fees or expenses submitted by Lead Counsel, and such matters will be considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement.

19. **Use of this Order.** Neither this Notice Order nor the proposed Settlement (including the Stipulation), nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, shall be construed as an admission or concession by Defendants or CIT of the truth of any of the allegations in the Litigation, or of any liability, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind and shall not be construed as, or

deemed to be evidence of, or an admission or concession that the Lead Plaintiff or any Settlement Class Members have suffered any damages, harm, or loss.

20. **Termination.** In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation or the Effective Date does not occur, or in the event that the Settlement Fund, or any portion thereof, is returned to the Defendants pursuant to the Stipulation, then this Notice Order shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation and shall be vacated and, in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation.

21. The Court reserves the right to adjourn the date of the Final Approval Hearing without further notice to the Members of the Settlement Class, and retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement. The Court may approve the Settlement, with such modifications as may be agreed to by the Settling Parties, if appropriate, without further notice to the Settlement Class.

DATED:

March 23, 2012


THE HONORABLE BARBARA S. JONES
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE